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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending two cents lower in the Midwest, three cents lower in the East, but unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, however, steady to weak in all other areas. Demand was irregular with some areas light to fair, but others reported moderate to good movement aided by first of the month and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair at best, but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Wings were in good supply to well cleared, and breast items were better balanced to available. Dark meat was mixed, but usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06-AUG-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Inclu	WTD			
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to F	irst Receivers			
Chicago	70.00-73.00	61.00-84.00	72.20	30
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 79.00-82.00 70.00-85.00 80.59 91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 81.00 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE	FRIDAY	<u>PRELIM. WTD. AVG</u>
936	78.00-83.00		80.68
Georgia f.o.b.	dock confirmed	preliminary weigh	ghted average price on ice-
packed parts:		WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN T	ENDERS	194.00	1,239
BREASTS -	B/S	169.50	5,108
BREASTS -	WHOLE	102.50	1,164
THIGH MEA	T - B/S	113.50	1,041
LEG QUART	ERS	51.50	7,894
WINGS		130.00	2,465

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions, active retail ads, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to instances moderate for end of the week trading. Wings were in good supply and continued to move satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to better balanced with boneless skinless clearing well. Dark meat was sufficient to available, aided by export interests. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly under normal weekend demand and was noted as light to fair with most dealers content in keeping floor stocks in close balance with regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with the heavier sizes in longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. Fast food interest was fairly active. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available and wings were noted as adequate to well cleared.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Offerings were adequate at best on lightweights and ample on heavy. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand moderate overall. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area moved lower. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Weekend demand picked up and was fairly good into the food service sector, especially into fast food as expectations build for first of month. Retail was mixed, light to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were generally in balance; weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trade activity was very light as current commitments satisfied trade needs. Supplies of all parts remained sufficient for trade call with wings in tightest position. The trade sentiment on parts items was mostly steady.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slightly improved entering the weekend and ranged from generally light to moderate. Offerings were at least adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were noted as moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 74 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were at least sufficient to available. Breast items were adequate and reported as in a better position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE		67-89
WEIGHTED AVER	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/30/07 - 08/03/07	(A)
	07/31/06 - 08/04/06	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/30/07 - 08/03/07	(A)
	07/31/06 - 08/04/06	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

AUG 02 SOUTHERN STATES BR				ROILER	FRYER PARTS			AUG ()3	
P	OUND	S		WTD	POUNI	os		WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	657	140.00-205.00	-	151.62	567	140.00-195.00	-	152.16	3,030	148.98
TENDERLOINS	229	110.00-200.00	-	131.03	144	105.00-200.00	-	131.81	800	131.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.00-107.00	-	96.67		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		435	93.73
FRONT HALVES	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT			TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		265	77.75
LEGS	208	49.00-70.00	54-55	54.04		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		798	55.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	40.00-49.00	-	43.47	550	40.00-49.00	43-44	43.43	2,797	43.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	949	42.00-50.00	-	45.87	976	41.00-52.00	45-47	45.53	4,477	46.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	110.00-129.00	-	122.70	280	105.00-129.00	-	120.29	1,425	121.34
WINGS (CUT)	115	130.00-137.00	-	134.26	105	131.00-137.00	-	135.00	595	134.69
DRUMSTICKS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT			TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		304	60.28
THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT			TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		118	59.29
B/S THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT			TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		391	101.63
WHOLE BODY INDES BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING				_	E BODY INDES BA		THERN STA	TES PARTS	TRADING	
FOR AUG 02, 2007 – F.O.B.	DOCK				FOR A	JG 03, 2007 – F.O.				
			<u>TODAY'S AV</u>				<u>TODAY'S AV</u>			<u>AVERAGE</u>
	5	7.50 - 65.00	60.2	24		58 .50-65.50	61.7	'2	6	0.75

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> - Trucklot buying interest increased slightly and was noted as no better than fair with most dealers continuing to keep floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were noted as in a better balance than earlier in the week and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate and wings were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady on most items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 03

7.000	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEE	KLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	156.97	499,112	155-160	156.03	630,834	156.14	2,829,269
TENDERLOINS	140	144.18	132,670	140	144.76	125,770	142.97	625,718
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	97.58	94,720	92-93	101.86	64,400	98.78	415,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.50	90,000	92	93.10	91,800	93.32	448,200
LEGS	60-61	66.68	67,600	60-61	65.74	90,560	65.54	455,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	50.15	236,200	48-49	50.55	207,000	50.59	1,093,560
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	69.97	99,000	66-67	68.76	102,075	68.80	434,409
THIGHS	53-54	62.53	59,720	53-54	61.70	106,745	61.94	370,665
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.57	72,240	110-111	111.27	54,720	112.27	309,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	129.07	212,240	129-130	129.56	82,240	128.97	826,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STR	IPPED) 10-12	10.54	14,800	10-12	10.96	9,800	10.97	78,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.60	7,080	35-40	36.16	14,120	36.44	48,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.54	19,080	50-55	52.36	27,400	51.95	115,520

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								
	ESTIN	/IATED	AC ⁻	ΓUAL	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,	(000	(1,	000)			(1,000)	
	08/03	08/02	08/01	07/31	08/01	07/31	07/27	07/25
Alabama	4,230	3,971	3,721	3,703	5.47	5.55	3,947	5.50
Arkansas	4,487	5,534	5,135	5,382	5.39	5.40	5,293	5.50
Delmarva	2,469	2,275	2,291	2,238	5.79	5.85	2,252	5.79
KY-LA-TN	2,599	2,478	2,220	2,185	4.96	5.13	2,472	4.87
Mississippi	3,355	3,174	2,997	3,139	5.54	5.61	3,419	5.36
North Carolina	3,153	2,714	2,352	2,648	6.95	6.81	2,926	6.87
Texas	2,514	2,515	2,522	2,498	5.27	5.31	2,511	5.26
Total	22,807	22,661	21,238	21,793	5.58	5.62	22,820	5.59
Mon-Fri 1	11,887	(A)					109,774 (A	١)
Saturday 2,343 (included in total for date shown)					1,232			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Aug-07 and 04-Aug-07 is estimated to be 34,122,000 head down 0.36 percent from a week ago and up 0.99 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,244,000, last year 33,787,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 04-Aug-07 is estimated to be 164,596,000 head up 0.11 percent from a week ago, and up 1.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,418,000, last year 162,092,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L	<u>.A. AREA)</u>
PROCESSED POULTRY, DL	VRD TO
RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
ICE PACK	124
DRY PACK	123
ICE PACK	135
DRY PACK	111
ICE PACK	109
DRY PACK	95
	185-204
	DRY PACK ICE PACK DRY PACK ICE PACK

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 28-July-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	Α	Thousar B	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	38,373	83,911	31,220	10,914	164,418
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.36	6.89	8.20	5.48
% of total /1	23%	51%	19%	7%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	45,086	77,774	31,448	11,499	165,807
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	7.02	8.28	5.46
% of total /1	27%	47%	19%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	48,951	81,870	22,677	7,770	161,268
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.36	6.95	8.02	5.22
% of total /1	30%	51%	14%	5%	100%
To date/2007	1,282,195	2,411,497	748,872	348,848	4,791,412
To date/2006	1.399.687	2.349.600	672.057	404.702	4.826.046

To date/2006 1,399,687 2,349,600 672,057 404,702 4,826

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 28-Aug-2007	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
9		THOUSAN			
Head	164,418	1,075	1,730	2,805	532
Avg Wt	5.48	3.32	8.07	6.25	6.40
Last week	165,807	1,045	1,677	2,722	504
Same wk yr ago	161,268	1,040	1,487	2,527	498
Avg Wt	5.22	3.51	7.96	6.13	6.41
To-date/2007	4,791,413	33,442	42,841	76,283	15,296
To-date/2006	4,826,046	33,927	43,989	77,916	15,215
(A) The estimated	number of fr	vers avail	able for m	arketina h	ased on

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 3.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

III	KTEK AVAILABILITY COMITAKIOON										
	MILLION HEAD										
WEEK	ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT						
June	23	170.9	170.3	100%	5.40						
	30	168.3	169.5	99%	5.55						
July	7	150.1	169.1	89%	5.29						
	14	169.0	170.0	99%	5.51						
	21	167.8	170.8	98%	5.46						
	28	166.4	170.3	99%	5.48						
Year t	o date	4849.5	4922.8	99%							
Aug	4		170.2								
	11		170.5								

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

Officer 1 C	aciai ilispeet	1011							
Thousands									
W/E	08/04/07	07/28/07	%CHG	08/05/06	%CHG				
Broilers	164,596	164,418*	+0.11	162,092 *	+1.54				
Cattle	671,000	668,000	NC	629,000*	+07				
Hogs	1,992	1,977	+01	1,887 *	+06				
*Actual									

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of JULY 30, 2007

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN FROZEN FRESH LONG ISLAND 159-163 163-167 MOSTLY

MIDWEST 136-146 138-148 MOSTLY

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 71.00-81.25 75.00-81.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 71.00-88.00 76.00-84.00
SQUABS:

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.62.64-85.0514 OZ.69.12-96.3916 OZ.74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

<u>CENTRAL</u> <u>REGION</u> <u>DUCKLINGS</u> Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to in balance. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-JULY-2007

ORIGIN FROZEN FRESH MIDWEST AND OTHERS 122-146 130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 31, 2007 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	R	RANGE		
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20	-	1.30	
Pullets 4-6 LBS		-	1.10	
Pekin Ducks	2.00	-	2.25	
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50	-	.70	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60	-	1.00	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60	-	.90	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.45	-	.60	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40	-	.55	
Guinea Fowl	6.00	-	9.00 ea.	
Banty Roosters	2.50	-	3.75 ea.	
Banty Hens	1.00	-	1.50 ea.	
Silkies	2.00	-	7.00 ea.	
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30	-	.35	
Pigeons	3.25	-	4.00 ea.	
White Pigeons		-	4.00 ea.	
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.25	-	1.35	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00	-	1.10	
Bunnies	2.00	-	4.00 ea.	
Guinea Pigs	.75	-	1.25 ea.	
Goats	35.00	-	45.00 ea.	
Kid Goats	15.00	-	25.00 ea.	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20	-	1.30	
T-1-1 0 0-1	-1 400			

Total Coops Sold 432

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate at best. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST **LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) 23-31 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED **LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT 24-33 MAJORITY 28-31

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) * PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., **GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER** THE WEEK OF 06-AUG-07

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of spent heavy fowl was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings to processors. Schedules for slaughter were irregular. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

> RANGE **MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally no better than fair for the mostly adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4-12 6-8 **SOUTHEAST** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT** TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL Costs of disposal were limited and TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings light to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-9 4-8

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